GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4231
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
RECOGNISATION OF ZOOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Zoos recognised by the Central Zoo Authority for providing of funds for housing of animals, security and food in Karnataka; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to recognise the unrecognised Zoos in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN PART (a) & (b) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4231 FOR REPLY ON 16.4.2001 REGARDING RECOGNISATION OF ZOOS.

According to Section 38 H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, no zoo can operate without being recognised by the Central Zoo Authority. The Act also provides that no recognition to a zoo shall be granted unless the Authority, having due regard to the interests of protection and conservation of wildlife, and such standards, norms and other matters as may be prescribed, is satisfied that recognition should be granted.

Central Government has also notified detailed rules of recognition of zoos on 4th August, 1992. Central Zoo Authority, keeping due regard to the rules and other matters of concern enunciated under Section 38H, has granted recognition to 16 zoos in Karnataka. The other zoos, which were not up to the required standards, have not been granted recognition. Recognition to such zoos can be granted, only when the State Government has taken appropriate measures to bring these zoos up to the required standards.

Central Zoo Authority provides funds for improvement of housing and upkeep, to large, medium and small zoos only.
Of the 16 recognised zoos, only Bannerghatta, Shimoga and Mysore zoo qualify for financial assistance from the Central Zoo Authority.